



Statewide Brownfields Conference

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management's Brownfields Program, the Indiana Development Finance Authority, the Indiana Department of Commerce, the Indiana University Environmental Management Association, the Monroe County Commissioners, and the City of Bloomington presented the first Statewide Brownfields Conference – Indiana 2001: *Local Lessons Learned* on Tuesday March 27, 2001 in Bloomington, Indiana at the Bloomington Convention Center. The main purpose of the conference was to assemble various stakeholders from around Indiana to share local lessons learned in brownfields redevelopment. It also allowed for the opportunity to showcase some local and statewide brownfields successes.

How the day looked?

A general and informal discussion about brownfields basics took place over breakfast. This allowed not only those new to brownfields redevelopment an opportunity to listen but anyone who felt the need for a refresher. The Indiana Brownfields Redevelopment Resource Guide was used to drive the discussion.

Concurrent workshops took place in the morning.

After lunch, a panel consisting of those communities that have completed or are near completion of a project shared their experiences with brownfields redevelopment. Members of the panel represented communities of different sizes that have used a variety of resources. Panel members were available for one-on-one discussions as well.

Additional concurrent workshops took place in the afternoon. An optional bus tour in the afternoon took interested participants to brownfield sites in Bloomington and Monroe County. City and County staff acted as "tour guides" with Conference staff providing necessary support.

There was also an exhibit hall open all day. A reception was held in the hall after the conference with an opportunity to network.

[Presentation materials](#) and [photos](#) are now available.